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**AN ORDINANCE  
of the  
CITY OF  
MINNEAPOLIS**

**By Gordon**

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**Amending Title 13, Chapter 305 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances  
relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Pedicabs.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 305.10 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

**305.10. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following terms shall mean:

*Darkness:* Any time from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) before sunrise or any time when visibility is obstructed by elements such as fog, rain or snow.

*Electric-Assist Pedicab:* A pedicab that meets the definition of Electric Assist Bicycle provided in Minnesota Statutes 169.011, subdivision 27.

*Pedicab:* A nonmotorized or electric-assist three-wheel bicycle that transports or is capable of transporting passengers on attached seats. ~~A pedicab is not power-assisted.~~ A pedicab shall not exceed one-hundred twenty (120) inches in length and sixty six (66) inches in width.

*Pedicab business:* The business of operating one (1) or more pedicabs for the recreational or physical transportation of the general public for profit, not-for-profit, or as a free service accepting tips or displaying advertising.

*Pedicab driver:* Any person who operates, drives, or propels a pedicab.

*Pedicab driver license:* A license granted in accordance with this chapter.

*Pedicab trailer:* A two (2) wheeled vehicle no wider than fifty-five (55) inches and capable of carrying a maximum of three (3) passengers and securely attached and locked to the pedicab vehicle. Children aged twelve (12) and under are not allowed to ride in a trailer unless accompanied by an adult.

*Pre-arranged pedicab services:* Pedicab service for events such as weddings, group transportation, downtown tours or similar events which are pre-arranged with the pedicab company.

*Street:* Any street or roadway under the jurisdiction of the city.

*Vehicle* means every device in, upon, or by which any person is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway or street.

Section 2. That Section 305.195 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

**305.95. Vehicle safety and equipment standards.** No pedicab owner or driver shall operate or allow the operation of a pedicab on any street unless the pedicab meets the following equipment and safety standards:

- (1) *Tires.* Tires shall be of a size appropriate for the pedicab with no mismatched tires. There shall be no cuts to the tire, localized worn spots that expose the ply, or visible tread wear indicators.
- (2) *Operational horn.* The pedicab shall be equipped with a fully operational horn or bell.
- (3) *Brakes.* It shall be unlawful for a licensee to operate, or cause to be operated, a pedicab that is not equipped with a front and rear braking system capable of being manipulated by the licensee from his normal position of operation and is capable of causing a pedicab with a loaded passenger compartment to come to a complete stop within a distance of fifteen (15) feet from a speed of ten (10) miles per hour in a linear path of motion when each wheel of the pedicab is in contact with the ground on dry, level, clean pavement. The braking system controlling the rear wheels shall be hydraulic or mechanical disc or drum brakes which are unaffected by rain or wet conditions
- (4) *Headlights, tail lights, mirrors, turn signals, and other requirements.* Every pedicab shall be equipped with the operational equipment set forth in the subsections below:
  - a. A headlight capable of projecting a beam of white light for a distance at a minimum of three hundred (300) feet which shall be clearly visible during darkness and must be illuminated at all times during darkness.
  - b. A side mounted mirror affixed to the pedicab to reflect to the pedicab driver a view of the street for a distance of at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of the pedicab.
  - c. A red tail light and brake light affixed to the rear of the pedicab which must be visible for a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet from the rear of the pedicab and must be illuminated at all times during darkness. Turn signals must be affixed to the front and rear of the vehicle.
  - d. All pedicabs shall have reflectors on each pedal, the front of the pedicab frame, mounted on the spokes of each wheel, and a red reflector mounted on each side of the rear of the pedicab, at least one (1) inch from the outer edge and centered.

(5) No more than one (1) trailer may be attached to any pedicab. All attached trailers must be equipped with turn signals and red tail lights. Trailers may only be used for prearranged services as defined in the section 305.10.

(6) Electric Assist, The electric motor for every electric assist pedicab must meet the following specifications:

- a. Have a power output of not more than 750 watts.
- b. Be incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of more than 20 miles per hour.
- c. Be incapable of propelling the vehicle by the sole action of the electric motor, without the operator pedaling.
- d. Be incapable of further increasing the speed of the pedicab when human power alone is used to propel the vehicle at a speed of more than 20 miles per hour.
- e. Disengage or cease to function when the vehicle's brakes are applied.

Section 3. That Section 305.100 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

**305.100. Advertising on pedicabs.** Advertisements shall only be allowed on the manufactured body of the pedicab as permitted by this article, shall be no larger than twenty-five (25) square feet in area, and shall be limited to non-illuminated signs. No banners, poles, flags, detached signs, or any other addition or object will be permitted for the purpose of advertising. No amplified sound for the purpose of advertising or solicitation for passengers shall be allowed on a pedicab. (84-Or-164, § 1, 9-14-84; 2011-Or-091, § 10, 10-7-11)